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Norio KIMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/784,171

Attn: BOX MISSING PARTS

Filed February 16, 2001

Docket No. 2001-0163A

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 9, 2001, submitted herewith is the required Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00, required by 37 CFR 1.16(e), and a copy of the Notice.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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Sir: ٠,

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

A duplicate copy of this paper is being submitted for use in the Accounting Division, Office of Finance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in free for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

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